

Show labels

Sets whether to show or hide the axis labels.

Order

Defines the horizontal or vertical alignment of the labels on the X or Y axis. These options are available only for 2D charts.

- **Tile** – arranges labels on the axis side by side.
- **Stagger odd** – staggers labels on the axis, with even numbers lower than odd numbers (even numbers to the left on vertical axis).
- **Stagger even** – staggers labels, with odd numbers lower than even numbers (odd numbers to the left on vertical axis).
- **Automatic** – automatically arranges labels on the axis.



Note

Problems may arise in displaying labels if the chart is too small. Avoid this by either enlarging the chart or decreasing the font size.

Text flow

Determines how text flows in axis labels.

- **Overlap** – allows axis labels to overlap.
- **Break** – allows text breaks, enabling text to wrap into new lines in the available space.

Text Orientation

Defines the direction and orientation of label text.

Vertically stacked

Stacks characters vertically so that text is read from top to bottom.

ABCD wheel

Defines text orientation by clicking and dragging the indicator on the wheel. Orientation of the characters “ABCD” on the wheel corresponds to the new setting.

Degrees

Shows the orientation angle of the text as determined by the ABCD wheel or by manually entering the degrees in the spin box.

Text direction

Specifies the direction for any text that uses complex text layout (CTL). CTL is only available if **Tools > Options > Language Settings > Languages > Default Languages for Documents > Complex text layout** is enabled.

Numbers

Use the *Numbers* tab (Figure 104) to set the attributes for any numbers used on the axis. When **Source format** is selected (as it is by default), numbers are formatted exactly as they are formatted on the spreadsheet. Deselect this option to change number formatting. For information about formatting numbers, see Chapter 2, Entering, Editing, and Formatting Data, as well as the online Help.